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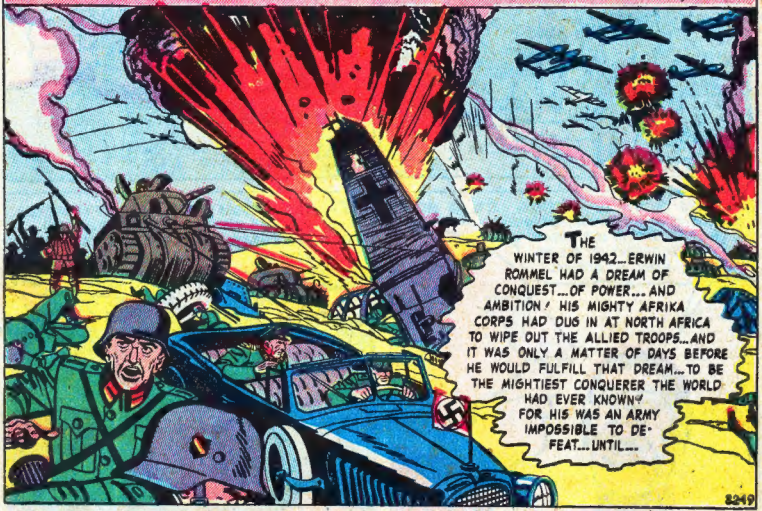
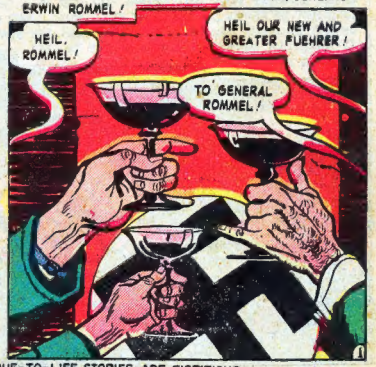
Defeat in the Desert

THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES STORY OF THE EPIC BATTLE OF NORTH AFRICA, THE BATTLE THAT WAS THE OPENING WEDGE IN THE ALLIED COUNTER-OFFENSIVE, TO BRING THE DESERT FOX AND THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND TO BAY AND DISASTER!



A SOLDIER IN NORTH AFRICA LEANED OVER AND PICKED UP A BATTERED BROWN VOLUME... A SMALL BOOK WITH A FEW WORDS ON ITS COVER...

THE SOLDIER OPENED THIS DIARY AND READ ABOUT A SCENE THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FABULOUS AND CUNNING DESERT FOX, GENERAL ERWIN ROMMEL!



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THE DIARY READ IN THE WORDS OF HERMANN SCHLOEFFER: "YES, AT LAST IT HAS COME ABOUT... THE EMERGENCE OF OUR GENERAL AS THE TRUE GENIUS OF OUR SUPER-RACE! TODAY WE, THE OFFICERS OF HIS VICTORIOUS AFRIKA CORPS, HAILED HIM AS OUR LEADER, THE ONE WHO WAS FITTEST TO TAKE OVER THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT FROM ADOLF HITLER!"

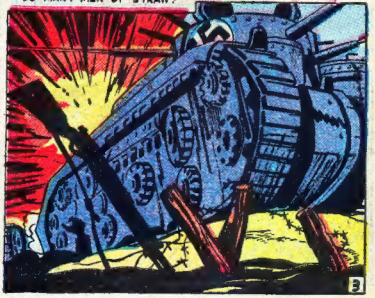
"SO WAS BORN OUR IDEA TO MAKE ROMMEL LEADER OF THE GREAT GERMAN WORLD-WIDE GOVERNMENT! AS ONE MAN WE AROSE AND TOASTED HIM! THEN HE SPOKE..."

"I KNEW... AND WAS SURE... THAT WE HAD HITCHED OUR WAGON TO A STAR... THE GLITTERING STAR OF THE CUNNING DESERT FOX! FOR I HAD BEEN WITH HIM ALL THROUGH THE AFRICAN CAMPAIGN... FROM THE VERY FIRST WHEN WE BEGAN OUR MIGHTY SWEEP!"

"AND WE STRUCK! THE ALLIED FORCES WERE AS NOTHING BEFORE US AS OUR MIGHTY JUGGERNAUT WENT INTO ACTION ON LAND, SEA AND SKY!"

"NOTHING ROMMEL DID WAS WRONG! EVERYTHING WAS RIGHT! HERE WAS A TRUE GENIUS IN BATTLE... A TRUE MEMBER OF THE GREAT SUPER-RACE!"

"WAR IS A MAN'S BUSINESS... AND THE ALLIES WERE CHILDREN AND AMATEURS! UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR MIGHTY GENERAL WE SWEPT THE ENEMY ASIDE LIKE SO MANY MEN OF STRAW!"



"By DECEMBER OF 1942 WE WERE AT EL AGHEILA ON THE GULF OF SIDRA, RESTING BEFORE WE BEGAN OUR BIG PUSH! IT WAS HERE THAT WE HAILED GENERAL ROMMEL AS OUR LEADER!"

THE GERMAN ARMY IS THE HEART AND SOUL OF OUR PEOPLE... AND GENERAL ROMMEL IS THE BLOOD OF THE ARMY! ONLY HE IS FIT TO BE OUR TRUE LEADER! NOTHING CAN STOP HIM! NO ARMY... NO FORCE... NO BRAIN! HE SHALL BE THE FUEHRER OF THE NEW ORDER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!

SPEAK, OUR GENERAL!

MY SOLDIERS, WE OF THE MILITARY ACCEPTED THE LEADERSHIP OF ADOLPH HITLER BECAUSE WE WERE FORCED TO! HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WITH A PROGRAM TO AWAKEN THE SLEEPING GIANT OF GERMAN MIGHT AFTER THE DEFEAT OF WORLD WAR I! BUT HE IS ONLY A PUPPET! WE WILL USE ANYBODY, AS LONG AS HE SERVES US! BUT WE, THE JUNKERS, ARE THE TRUE RULERS OF GERMANY... AND WILL BE THE RULERS OF THE WORLD!

WHEN THIS IS OVER WE WILL NO LONGER NEED THE LITTLE AUSTRIAN CORPORAL! WE SHALL SEND HIM BACK TO LIMBO! THEN WE SHALL SHOW THE WORLD THAT HE WAS ONLY A MILD NOTHING COMPARED TO *US!* WE SHALL SHOW THEM ***REAL*** FORCE... AND ***REAL*** DISCIPLINE! ***NOTHING CAN OR SHALL STOP US!***

GEN. ROMMEL, WE SALUTE YOU AS OUR LEADER!

"IT WAS A FEAST TO MY EYES TO WATCH WITH PRIDE THE GLORIOUS FIGURE OF OUR GENERAL AS HE COMMANDED US! WHAT DOES ANY GOOD GERMAN WANT MORE THAN TO FOLLOW A LEADER WHO NEVER HAS, AND NEVER, WILL TASTE DEFEAT?"

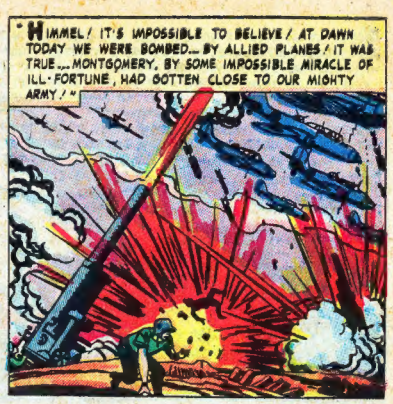
"HIS EVERY GLANCE, EVERY WORD... EVERYTHING HE DID HAD THE MARK OF THE CONQUERER WHO WOULD NOT BE DENIED! HE WAS FIERCE, DOMINEERING, DECISIVE! HE WAS THE TRUE GERMAN JUNKER WHO WOULD ONE DAY, VERY SOON, RULE THE WORLD... AND WE WOULD BE RIGHT THERE AT HIS SIDE!"

"TODAY A VERY AMUSING THING HAPPENED THAT MADE US ALL LAUGH! IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE BRITISH GEN. MONTGOMERY HAD GATHERED HIS PUNY FORCES OUTSIDE OF EL AGHEILA! HOW RIDICULOUS!"

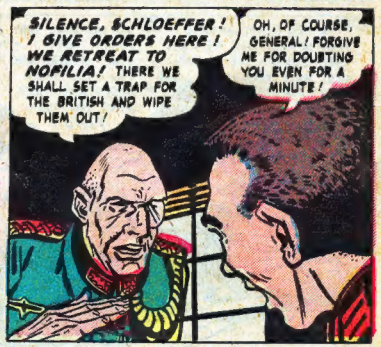
HA! HA! THE FOOL! DOES HE THINK HE CAN OUTSMART THE FOX?

HAVE NO FEAR! THE REPORT IS FALSE! HE CAN'T BE OUT THERE! I'VE PLANNED THIS TOO CAREFULLY!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT HE COULD BRING FORCES SO CLOSE TO ME WITHOUT MY KNOWING ABOUT IT LONG AGO!
OF COURSE, MY GENERAL! THAT BRITISH NINCOMPOOP COULD NEVER PUT SUCH A TRICK OVER ON YOU!


"HIMMEL! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE! AT DAWN TODAY WE WERE BOMBED... BY ALLIED PLANES! IT WAS TRUE... MONTGOMERY, BY SOME IMPOSSIBLE MIRACLE OF ILL-FORTUNE, HAD GOTTEN CLOSE TO OUR MIGHTY ARMY!"

GENERAL! WHAT SHALL WE DO? WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS?
WE SHALL RETREAT... TO RECOUP OUR STRATEGY!
RETREAT? YOU? BUT... BUT THAT'S UNTHINKABLE! YOU ARE TOO SMART... TOO...


SILENCE, SCHLOEFFER! I GIVE ORDERS HERE! WE RETREAT TO NOFILIA! THERE WE SHALL SET A TRAP FOR THE BRITISH AND WIPE THEM OUT!
OH, OF COURSE, GENERAL! FORGIVE ME FOR DOUBTING YOU EVEN FOR A MINUTE!

"OF COURSE IT'S ALL PART OF ROMMEL'S STRATEGY TO DRAW THE BRITISH LION INTO A TRAP! AH, HOW CLEVER IS OUR GENERAL! WE SHALL MAKE THE ENEMY THINK HE HAS US ON THE RUN, AND THEN WE SHALL TURN ON HIM AND TEACH THE UPSTART A GRIM LESSON... A LESSON OF DEATH AND DEFEAT! WE RETREATED OUR GREAT ARMY IN AN ORDERLY, SEDATE MANNER IN THE FULL DIGNITY OF OUR GREAT LEADER!"

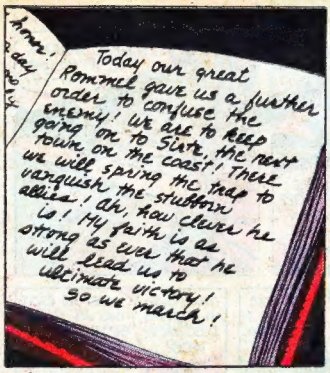
LET MONTGOMERY WEAR HIMSELF OUT CHASING US! NO ONE KNOWS THE DESERT BETTER THAN I! AND ONLY I KNOW DESERT WARFARE! THE BRITISH LION IS BITING OFF MORE THAN IT CAN CHEW! NOFILIA SHALL BE A WATERLOO FOR MONTGOMERY!
NATURALLY, GENERAL! HA! HOW WE SHALL LAUGH AT HIS CONFUSION! HA! HA! HA!

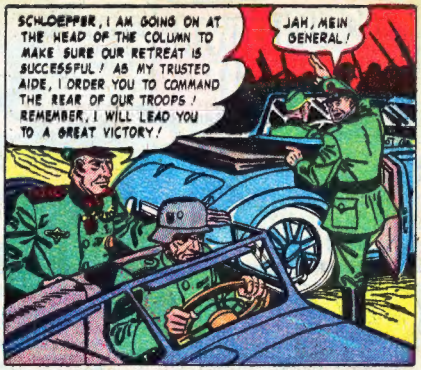
"TODAY WE ARRIVED AT NOFILIA! OUR MEN ARE CALM IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT ROMMEL IS PLANNING A STRATEGY THAT WILL RUIN THE BRITISH ONCE AND FOR ALL! TO LOOK AT US NO ONE WOULD KNOW THAT WE WERE AN ARMY IN RETREAT, SO WELL DID OUR GREAT LEADER PLAN IT!"

"THUNDERATION! NO SOONER WERE THE WORDS OUT OF OUR MOUTHS THAN THE ROAR OF PLANES CAME OUT OF THE EAST..... BRITISH PLANES! WHERE ON EARTH DID THEY COME FROM?"

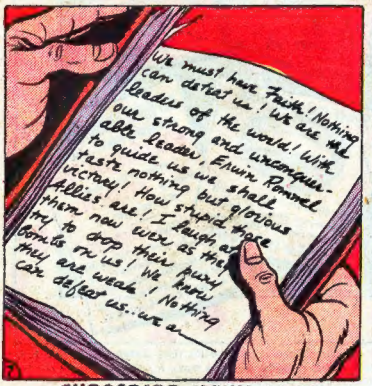
"IT KILLS ME TO ENTER THIS IN MY DIARY, BUT SUDDENLY OUR NEW LEADER LOST HIS DIGNITY! HE TURNED TO ME SHOUTING AND HIS EYES WERE BLAZING!"

"SO I ENTER THAT WONDERFUL WORD IN MY DIARY. FAITH! FAITH WILL LEAD US ON THE GLORIOUS ROAD TO VICTORY BEHIND OUR INFALLIBLE LEADER! WE MUST HAVE FAITH! NOTHING CAN DEFEAT US... NOT EVEN THE BOMBERS OF THE STUPID BRITISH WHO SO FOOLISHLY THINK THEY CAN DEFEAT THE DESERT FOX!"





"WHAT AN HONOR! ENTRUSTED TO PROTECT THE REAR OF OUR MIGHTY ARMIES AS WE MARCH ON TO KEEP OUR RENDEZVOUS WITH DESTINY! SOON COMPLETE VICTORY WILL BE OURS! SOON THE FOX WILL SPRING HIS TRAP! MEANWHILE WE GO ON IN SUPREME CONFIDENCE THAT OUR MIGHT IS RIGHT!"



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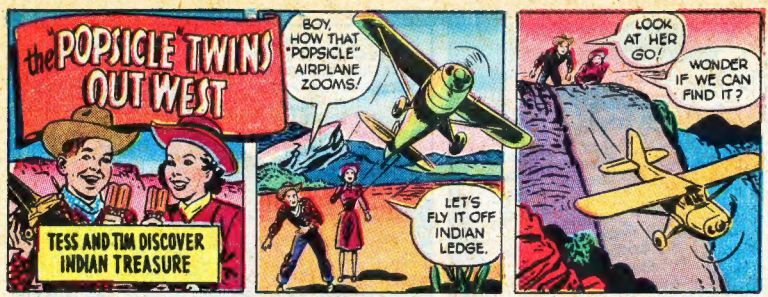

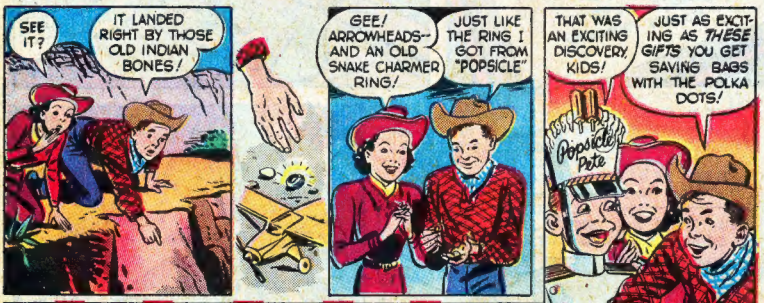

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The Soldier Said, "NO"

IT'S A GNARLED OLD APPLE TREE, ITS BRANCHES BLASTED AND BROKEN OFF FROM THE TERRIBLE FORCE OF ROARING SHELLS AND SMASHING BULLETS... BUT IT STILL LIVES! SEVEN YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ITS SCARS ARE SLOWLY HEALING... ITS BRANCHES ONCE MORE BEAR BLOSSOMS AND FRUIT! IT HAS GOOD CAUSE TO LIVE, FOR TODAY IT IS A SHRINE FOR THE YOUNG AMERICAN WHO DIED IN ITS WITHERED ARMS...

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I WAS NOT ALWAYS THUS...WITH MANGLED LIMBS AND TWISTED BRANCHES! IN THE DAYS BEFORE THE WAR LITTLE CHILDREN GATHERED APPLES FROM THE GROUND AND YOUNG COUPLES SAT BENEATH ME TALKING OF LOVE...

BUT THE WAR CAME AND WITH IT THE ENEMY! THE CHILDREN BECAME STILL AND THE YOUNG GIRLS SAT ALONE WITH TEARS IN THEIR EYES DREAMING OF THEIR LOVERS AWAY AT WAR...

I WATCHED THE PEOPLE SUFFER IN SILENCE, SHEDDING MY LEAVES IN SORROW WHILE MY FRUIT TURNED BITTER AND FELL TO THE GROUND UNPICKED AND UNTOUCHED...
THE FRUIT LOOKS GOOD, EH, BORMANN? READY FOR PICKING, LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE WE COME ACROSS!
LET'S GET SOME, HEINZ! THERE'S LITTLE ENOUGH LEFT IN THIS HOLE SINCE WE OCCUPIED IT!
HERE, DU KLEINER SCHWEINEHUND! GO FETCH US SOME APPLES FROM THAT TREE YONDER!
JA, HERR HAUPTMANN!
THE LITTLE JAWS CLENCHED TIGHT AND A TEAR SNEAKED DOWN THE TENDER FACE, BUT HE SELECTED TWO APPLES...
PERHAPS YOUR APPLES ARE BETTER THAN THE REST OF THE GARBAGE YOUR ROTTEN COUNTRY HAS TO OFFER!
I DOUBT IT!
PTHEW! (COUGH!) (COUGH!)
VERDAMMTE...! GRRRGH!
YOU KNEW THEY WERE ROTTEN! WHY DID YOU GIVE THEM TO US?
YOU ASKED FOR THEM, MEIN HERR! THOSE APPLES WERE ONCE SWEET! THE OLD MEN SAY THEY WILL NOT BE SWEET AGAIN UNTIL THE CURSED INVADER LEAVES!
YOU'LL REMEMBER THE FIST OF THE CURSED INVADER FOR A LONG TIME, KLEINES SCHWEIN!
HE'LL ENJOY SEEING HIS PRECIOUS TREE CUT DOWN IN THE MORNING! LET'S GO, BORMANN!
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GET IT DOWN ROOTS AND ALL, YOU HEAR? THE TREE IS OBSTRUCTING THE FIRE LANE FOR THE ARTILLERY!
JAWOHL, HERR HAUPTMANN!

THE TANK STARTED AND THE VERY EARTH SHOOK AS IT MOVED TOWARDS ME, BUT SUDDENLY THERE WAS MUCH SHOOTING AND EXCITEMENT...
WHAT IS THIS, A PICNIC? GET BACK, ALL OF YOU! REPORT TO COMMAND HEAD-QUARTERS AT ONCE! THERE'S AN AIR ATTACK COMING! BACK!... BACK!

THEY LEFT, AND SUDDENLY THE SKIES WERE FILLED WITH A GREAT, THROBBING ROAR LIKE MILLIONS OF BEES BUZZING...

SOON THEY WERE OVERHEAD...AND THEN THE SKY WAS FILLED WITH HUNDREDS OF PUFFY WHITE PARACHUTES! THEY HAD COME AT LAST!

THEY ALL LANDED IN THE FIELDS FAR AWAY! BUT ONE... ONE ALONE SEEMED FALLING STRAIGHT TOWARDS ME! IT WAS TOO CLOSE... TOO CLOSE TO THE HATED ENEMY, BUT I COULD DO NOTHING... SAY NOTHING!

I OPENED MY ARMS TO GREET HIM... TO SHELTER HIM, FOR ON THE GROUND HE WOULD CERTAINLY BE KILLED! I FELT HIS WEIGHT AS HE CRUSHED IN AMONGST MY LIMBS... AND STAYED!
DARN! I'M HUNG UP LIKE A CHRISTMAS GOOSE! MAYBE I'M BETTER OFF THAN ON THE GROUND! THE TROOPS ARE CATCHING HECK BACK THERE!

I LOOKED AT HIM...A GOOD YOUTH... PERHAPS ONE WHO HAD EATEN APPLES FROM A TREE SUCH AS I IN AMERICA! BUT THERE WERE NO APPLES NOW... JUST THE BITTER FRUITS OF WAR AND DESTRUCTION...
I FELL IN GOOD! THERE'S A KRAUT OUTFIT DUG IN ACROSS THE DITCH! THEY'RE REALLY POURING IT ON THE GANG! I GUESS THEY CAN'T SEE ME UP HERE!

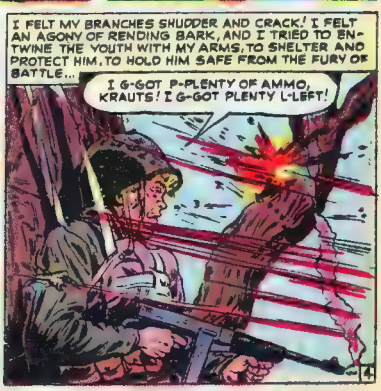
LAY LOW! WE'RE PINNED DOWN BY FIRE SOMEWHERE BACK OF THAT TREE THERE! THEY'RE ZEROING IN ON US! DIG IN MEN!

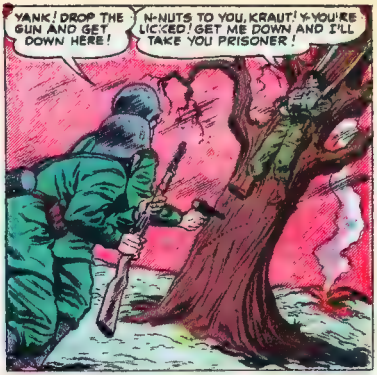
I GOTTA KNOCK 'EM OUT FROM HERE! THEY'RE MURDERING THE BOYS!

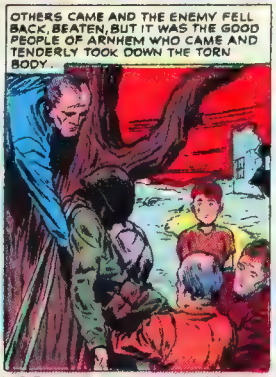
TAKE IT, YOU CRUMMY KRAUTS! TAKE ALL I GOT...AN' I GOT PLENTY OF AMMO LEFT!

OBSERVATION! OBSERVATION! THERE'S A NEST WITHIN RANGE BUT WE CAN'T SPOT HIM!
WE'RE TOO BUSY IN THIS SECTOR TO HELP! USE YOUR DARNED GLASSES!

THAT TREE! NOW I SEE HIM! SHORT RANGE, GUNNERS! POINT-BLANK AT THE TREE AHEAD! KILL THE VERDAMMTEN AMERIKANER!


I FELT MY BRANCHES SHUDDER AND CRACK! I FELT AN AGONY OF RENDING BARK, AND I TRIED TO ENTWINE THE YOUTH WITH MY ARMS, TO SHELTER AND PROTECT HIM, TO HOLD HIM SAFE FROM THE FURY OF BATTLE...
I G-GOT P-PLENTY OF AMMO, KRAUTS! I G-GOT PLENTY L-LEFT!





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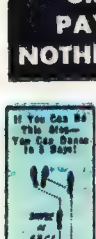

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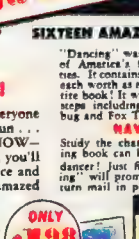

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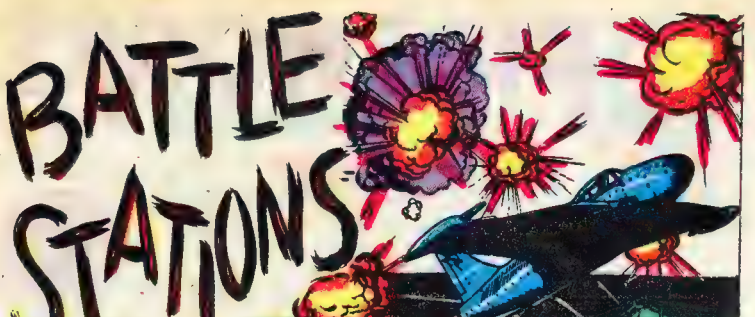

BOB CANNON, Seaman second-class, was sitting on his bunk, looking at the latest selection of pin-up beauties that he had acquired, when Snapper, the Chief Petty Officer came up.

"I thought you were supposed to be swabbing decks," he snarled. "What do you think this is, a party—or sumptin?"

Bob jumped to his feet, letting the pile of pictures fall to the floor. "Yes, Sir—I—I mean I forgot, I mean—"

"You mean, nothing. You addle-headed, blasted, swabbie! Get that deck-swab and get to work."

The Aircraft Carrier *Atlanta* was making its way carefully up the dark swirling night waters of the Mediterannean, around mines which were planted so close together that it was only by a miracle that one was not detonated by the sleek prow of the vessel.

Bob moved across the decks with his huge mop and bucket, making long twist shaped marks on the smooth decks. He studied the planes back aft with their wings tucked in like birds of prey waiting for the signal to take off, and swoop down on the enemy. His brother piloted one of those planes. His big brother who was stronger, smarter and braver then he could ever hope to be.

That's what mom always said. "Bobbie," she said. "Ted's a strong boy, and he's smart, a lot smarter and stronger than you can ever hope to be. So don't try to imitate him. Do whatever you think you can do, or whatever you want to do. But don't try to imitate Ted."

Well, he thought, he'd listened to his mother. He was a swabbie, and Ted was a Navy pilot, flying off into the blue, and doing brave things that he wished he could do himself.

"Cannon!" the voice was a snarling angry thing behind him. "Blast you, get on that mop and swab. It's not made to lean on."

Bob gulped. "Yes, Snapper, I—I mean sir." He went moving quickly across the decks away from that barking, snapping CPO.

"Darn it," he muttered to himself. "How can a guy do brave things when he's tied to a deck-mop and pail all the time. Is this what I joined the Navy for—to see the world and swab decks?"

He worked his way back to where the planes stood, tugging on the guy-ropes as the ship rolled in the swelling sea. He looked down into the inky blackness of the sea, watched the foamy caps that rose and beat against the hull of the ship, and wondered what the days ahead held for him.

"BATTLE STATIONS!"

The words screamed out over the ship at the same time as the bell system went into effect. What might have appeared to an outsider as complete chaos, was really a well-oiled machine going into operation. Sailors dropped whatever they were doing, and moved with practised swiftness to their posts. Officers called orders, and Navy-Fliers came on the run — some of the men still getting into their jackets—to their planes off the decks before enemy planes could attack.

Bob dropped his mop and left it lying there beside his bucket of soapy water. He headed towards the lifeboat station to which he had been assigned. He waved to Ted who came running

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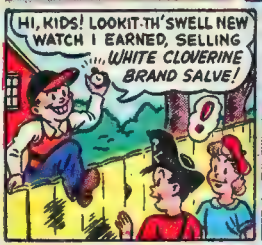

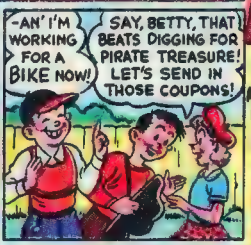

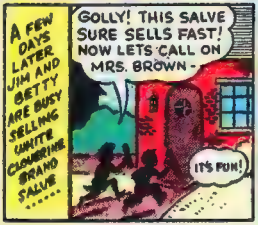

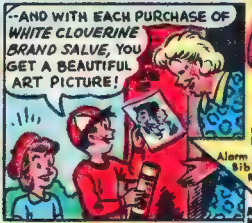

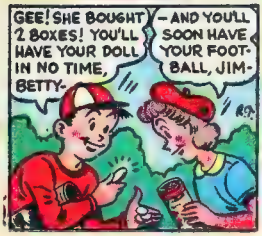

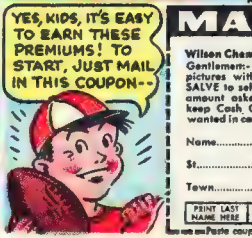

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past him, through the passageway, his white scarf flapping behind him. Ted turned his thumbs up in a sign for good-luck and kept running towards his plane. Bob stood at his post by the lifeboat #3. He had taken off the tarpaulin that covered it, unlocked the winches that would drop the boat into the water (should the need arise — which was unlikely), and now he just waited, breathless, and wishing that there was more he could do.

He kept his eyes on his brother's plane — a Corsair — and wished, as the plane unfolded its wings, and headed for the machine which would catapult it into the skies, that he were there beside his brother. How could a man be a hero, or serve his country in time of need, if they kept him either swabbing decks, or watching a lifeboat.

The planes had gotten into the air none too soon. The North Korean planes were swooping low already, and one of them had managed to cut in and strafe the decks of the carrier.

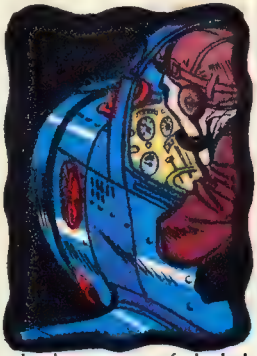
Splinters of wood flew as the angry tattoo of death rained down from the skies. One sailor was hit, and the cry of agony was a frightening thing. Then another went down, and finally a third. By this time the Corsairs were engaging the enemy planes, and the deck-guns were filling the air with flak.

An enemy plane was hit, and went into a crazy spin trailing a tail of black smoke as it careened—with a horrible wail—into the sea. Bob paced up and back in front of the lifeboat, cursing himself for the inefficiency in himself which relegated him to such a post in a time when men were dying all around him.

There was a sobbing, crying sound and he saw Snapper lying on the deck just about midships. He was hit. Should he leave his post? Which was more important, a lifeboat that might not be needed, or a human being dying—even if it were Snapper? He decided and told the two other seamen that he would be right back.

He headed out on the decks and in a few seconds reached the spot where Snapper lay. He was wounded pretty badly, and Bob tried to stop the bleeding as he applied his knowledge of first aid.

Snapper was sobbing, and



when he was aware of who had come to his aid, he whispered gratefully, in a hoarse voice. "Thanks, kid. I—I won't forget this."

Bob fixed him up and headed back for the lifeboat station. When he got there a snooty Ensign was waiting for him. "You'll be court-martialed when this is over," he snapped, "for leaving your post in time of battle." He turned on his heel, and strutted off in the direction of the wheelhouse.

So he'd done it again. This would certainly show the folks back home that they were right. He, Bob, was the small, stupid and cowardly one, while Ted was—as they said—clever, strong and brave.

The screaming wail of a plane plunging by into the sea, brought Bob out of his reverie. It was an American plane and it was several hundred yards from the ship. Bob could see the pilot struggling out of the cockpit after opening the plastic covering. The plane was sinking.

Almost without thinking, Bob snapped out the order to lower the lifeboat. The men obeyed without question. The boat crashed into the water and soon they were rowing the boat to where the unfortunate pilot was floundering around in the choppy sea.

"Up oars!" Bob commanded, as they neared the figure. Two of the boys up forward dragged the exhausted pilot onto the boat. And then Bob saw that it was his brother Ted. Ted smiled at him, and turned his thumbs up. He had certainly had good luck as far as his life was concerned. They rowed back to the ship, in time to see the planes returning from their chase of the returning enemy planes. Ted was brought up to the ship's hospital and given treatment for shock and exposure.

At the court-martial which the Ensign had brought about, the entire story was told. And instead of a dishonorable discharge, Bob was awarded highest honors for bravery, and an increase in rating.

"In fact," said one of the presiding officers, "we're going to ask that you be awarded the distinguished Service Cross."

But to that, Bob shook his head.

"They'll never believe it back home."

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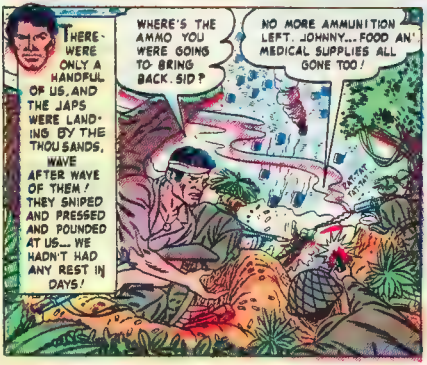

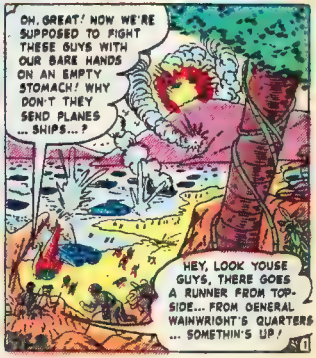

BROOKLYN WAS RIGHT. SOMETHING WAS UP, AND WE FOUND OUT WHAT IT WAS A FEW MINUTES LATER!

MEN, WE CAN'T GO ON FIGHTING ANY LONGER! WE ARE BADLY OUT-NUMBERED... OUT OF AMMUNITION, AND THERE IS NO RELIEF IN SIGHT! TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE MEN UNDER HIS COMMAND, OUR GENERAL HAS NO OTHER RECOURSE THAN TO SURRENDER!

WHAT?

SURRENDER!

WE STACKED OUR RIFLES AND WAITED FOR THE LITTLE BROWN MEN TO COME! AND WE CRIED... CRIED LIKE BABIES! NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD HAVE MEN FELT SO LOW, SO DISGRACED, AS WE DID THAT DAY WE SURRENDERED BATAAN!

HERE THEY COME, MEN! KEEP YOUR CHINS UP! ATTENSHUN!

HEY! THAT'S A PICTURE OF MY WIFE AND BABY... *OWWW!*

YOU MARCH NOW TO CONCENTRATION CAMP! TAKE NOTHING WITH YOU! REMEMBER, JAPANESE MASTERS HERE NOW!

KEEP BACK!

THEY STRIPPED US DOWN TO OUR SHIRTS AND TROUSERS, THEN THEY MARCHED US THRU THE JUNGLE!

THESE GUYS'RE REAL CUTE CHARACTERS!

SILENCE, YANKEE DOG!

WELL, LOOKS LIKE THE WAR'S OVER FOR US!

I'VE GOT A HUNCH IT'S JUST BEGINNING FOR US! *UGH!*

THIS IS THE SECOND DAY WE'VE BEEN MARCHING WITHOUT ANY FOOD!

SORRY, I'M SUCH A BURDEN, JOHNNY! I HOPE THE CAMP ISN'T MUCH FURTHER!

I'M STARVED! HEY, LITTLE BROWN BROTHER, WHEN DO WE EAT?

NO EAT! MARCH!

WHY, YUH DIRTY...! I'D LIKE TO GET HIM IN THE RING FOR JUST ONE ROUND!

TAKE IT EASY, JOE! IT AIN'T GOIN' TO DO ANY GOOD TO BLOW YOUR TOP!

SOMEHOW WE KEPT GOING... THAT IS, MOST OF US DID! SOME DIED ON THE WAY, AND SOME WERE KILLED AND LEFT TO ROT IN THE JUNGLE!

I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT TOOK, WE WERE TOO OCCUPIED WITH PUTTING ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER... BUT FINALLY WE REACHED THE PRISON CAMP!

WELL, WE GOT HERE!

MAYBE THEY'LL FEED US NOW!

STAND STRAIGHT, ENGLEESE!

I AM GENERAL SHIRO TANBAKI, MASTER OF THIS CAMP WHERE YOU WILL REMAIN WHILE OUR IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES DEFEAT THE REST OF YOUR NATION! YOUR TREATMENT HERE WILL DEPEND ON YOUR CONDUCT, BUT I WARN YOU, I AM A HARD TASKMASTER! NEVER FORGET THAT YOU ARE A DEFEATED AND DESPISED ENEMY! NOW YOU WILL BOW TO ME AND THE GUARDS WILL TAKE YOU TO YOUR CELLS!

BOW! BOW, DOGS!

ENOUGH! TAKE THEM TO THE CELLS! THEY WILL LEARN IN TIME!

WE WERE CROWDED INTO SMALL CELLS, THE FLOOR COVERED WITH MOULDY STRAW FOR SLEEPING! THEN THEY BROUGHT US FOOD... IF YOU COULD CALL IT THAT!

EAT!

HALF COOKED RICE IN DIRTY WATER! LOOK, THE BOWLS ARE GRIMED WITH MOULD! DO THEY EXPECT US TO LIVE ON THIS STUFF?

I DON'T THINK THEY CARE MUCH IF WE LIVE OR NOT!

EAT IT, DICK! CLOSE YOUR EYES AND SWALLOW!

OUT! OUT!

WHAT NOW?

DRINK! ONCE EACH DAY, YOU DRINK!

THAT BECAME THE ROUTINE! ONCE EACH DAY, HALF COOKED RICE, AND ONCE EACH DAY, A DRINK OF WATER! WE BECAME WEAKER AS THE DAYS PASSED, BUG-RIDDEN AND INFESTED WITH RUNNING SORES THAT WOULD NOT HEAL!

WHAT DAY IS IT, IRV?

DON'T KNOW.. I HAVEN'T KEPT TRACK LATELY!

HERE COMES THE COMMANDER!

OUT! BOW TO COMMANDER!

QUICKLY! QUICKLY!

YOU HAVE BEEN HERE FOR SOME TIME NOW! DO YOU HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS?
YEAH! WE'VE GOT TO HAVE BETTER FOOD!
WE'RE DYING ON THE SWILL YOU GIVE US!
SO, YOU DO NOT LIKE THE FOOD?
ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL LAW WE SHOULD BE TREATED A GREAT DEAL MORE DECENTLY THAN WE HAVE!
IT'S TRUE, GENERAL! EVERY DAY MEN DIE FROM LACK OF FOOD AND CARE!
WE AIN'T DOGS!
SO YOU ARE TREATED LIKE DOGS? YOU ARE DOGS! DOGS... DOGS!
BACK! KEEP LINE!
JOE WAS THE STRONGEST OF US ALL, A FORMER BOXER AND WRESTLER, AND HE FOUGHT BACK!
BACK TO CELLS! HURRY!
THEY'RE KILLING JOE!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
YOU COMPLAIN... MAKE TROUBLE... YOU GET SAME!
GADS! LOOK AT HIM!
THEY'VE BEATEN THE POOR GUY TO A PULP... THE DIRTY, LOUSY...
JOE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT HIS MIND AND SPIRIT WERE GONE! MEANWHILE, TO PUNISH US, THEY KEPT US LOCKED IN OUR CELLS WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER FOR THREE DAYS!
HOW'S THE LOCK COMING?
OKAY! WE'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE IT OFF AND PUT IT BACK WITHOUT THEM NOTICING IT!
EVERY NIGHT THEY DUMP THEIR GARBAGE IN THE SAME PLACE, NEXT TO THE BARRACKS!
IF WE KEEP IN THE SHADOWS, AND CIRCLE AROUND, THEY WON'T SEE US!
SHHHH! LUCKY THERE'S NO MOON TONIGHT!
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WE WERE SO WEAK THAT IT SEEMED WE CRAWLED MILES BEFORE WE CAME TO THE EDGE OF THE BARRACKS WHERE THE JAPS DUMPED THEIR GARBAGE!
AH, IT'S GOOD... WHATEVER IT IS!
RICE, SOME MEAT AND VEGETABLES! I NEVER THOUGHT THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN I'D RISK MY LIFE TO EAT JAP GARBAGE!
SSHHH! EAT FAST.. WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK!
NOW IF WE COULD ONLY GET TO THE WATER...
IT'S OUT IN THE OPEN! THEY'D SPOT US IN A MINUTE!
ANYWAY WE'VE GOT FOOD FOR POOR JOE AND ENOUGH TO KEEP US GOING FOR ANOTHER DAY!
C'MON, JOE, EAT! IT'S FOOD, JOE, FOOD!
WATCH IT.... A GUARD!
WHAT THAT? HOW YOU GET IT?
DOUBLE QUICK! YOU TELL GENERAL HOW YOU GET!
DON'T TELL... NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO!
WHO CARES WHAT THEY DO? WE'D BE BETTER OFF DEAD THAN THE WAY WE ARE!
I WOULDN'T GIVE THE LOUSY PUNKS THE SATISFACTION!
SO YOU WON'T TALK, EH? YOU YANKEE DOGS!
YUH KNOW WHERE YOU CAN GO... AN' I DON'T MEAN BROOKLYN!
TAKE THEM AWAY, BACK TO THEIR CELLS!
THIS ONE IS DEAD!
SO JOE DIED! WE FIGURED HE WAS FORTUNATE! THEY DIDN'T FEED OR GIVE US WATER FOR TWO MORE DAYS, THEN OUR CAPTORS HELD A CELEBRATION!
THE DIRTY PIGS'RE SWILLIN' SAKI... GETTIN' STINKIN'!
LISTEN TO THE MEN IN THE OTHER CELLS! IF THEY DON'T GIVE US WATER SOON WE'LL ALL BE DEAD!
WONDER WHAT THEY'RE CELEBRATING? ANOTHER VICTORY OR JUST A JAP HOLIDAY OF SOME KIND?
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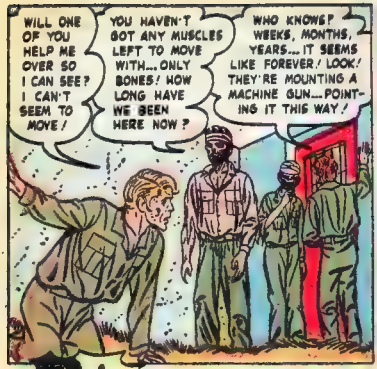
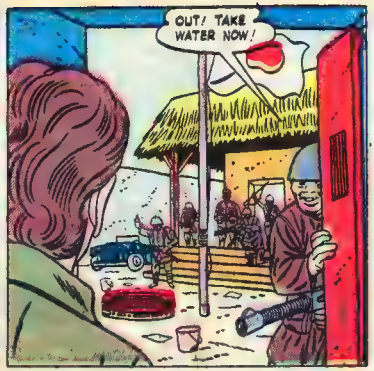
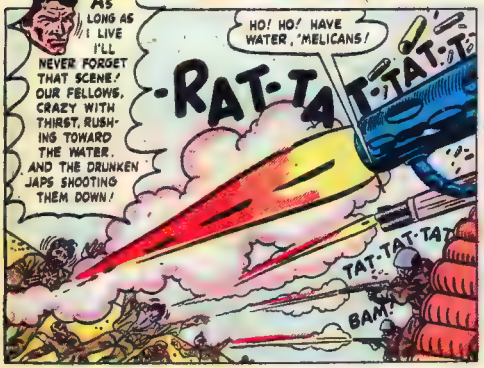
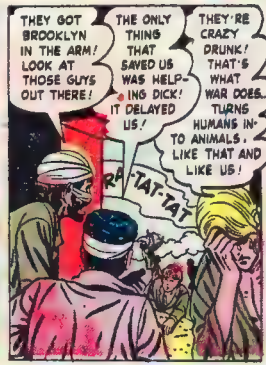

WILL ONE OF YOU HELP ME OVER SO I CAN SEE? I CAN'T SEEM TO MOVE!
YOU HAVEN'T GOT ANY MUSCLES LEFT TO MOVE WITH... ONLY BONES! HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN HERE NOW?
WHO KNOWS? WEEKS, MONTHS, YEARS... IT SEEMS LIKE FOREVER! LOOK! THEY'RE MOUNTING A MACHINE GUN... POINTING IT THIS WAY!


OUT! TAKE WATER NOW!


AS LONG AS I LIVE I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT SCENE! OUR FELLOWS, CRAZY WITH THIRST, RUSHING TOWARD THE WATER. AND THE DRUNKEN JAPS SHOOTING THEM DOWN!
HO! HO! HAVE WATER, 'MELICANS!
-RAT-TA T-TAT-T-
TAT-TAT-TAT
BAM!


THEY GOT BROOKLYN IN THE ARM! LOOK AT THOSE GUYS OUT THERE!
THE ONLY THING THAT SAVED US WAS HELPING DICK! IT DELAYED US!
THEY'RE CRAZY DRUNK! THAT'S WHAT WAR DOES... TURNS HUMANS INTO ANIMALS, LIKE THAT AND LIKE US!
R-TAT-TAT

HELP ME PULL BROOKLYN IN!
WAIT! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
IT'S PLANES... AMERICAN PLANES!
RRRR

WE REALLY WENT NUTS THEN!
LOOK AT 'EM! LIKE BIRDS! MAC ARTHUR SAID HE'D COME BACK!
THE JAPS... THEY'RE GETTING READY TO PULL OUT!
THEY'VE COME TO RESCUE US! I'M GOING TO PRAY!

THAT'S WHAT WE DID, WITH THE WEAK TEARS STREAMING FROM OUR EYES, WE KNELT THERE, ALL OF US, AMONGST OUR DEAD AND DYING AND WE PRAYED... AND AT THAT MOMENT, BELIEVE ME, THERE WASN'T AN ATHEIST AMONG US!
OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN...
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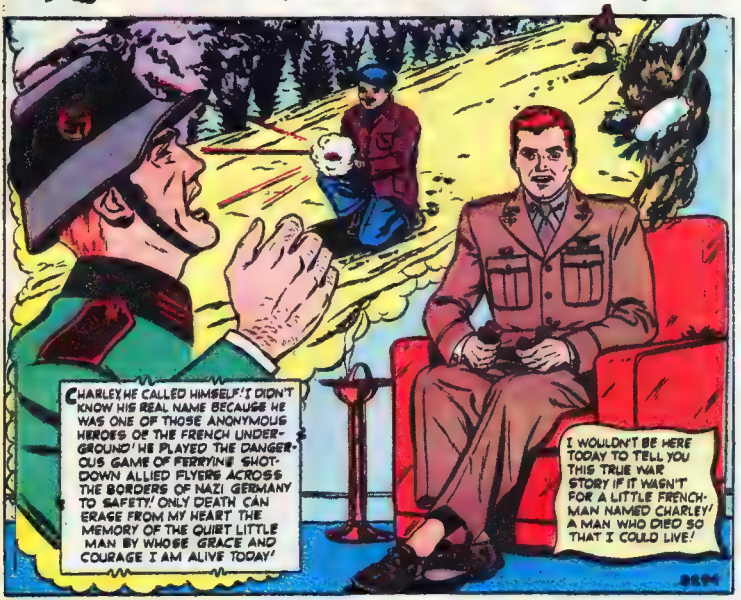

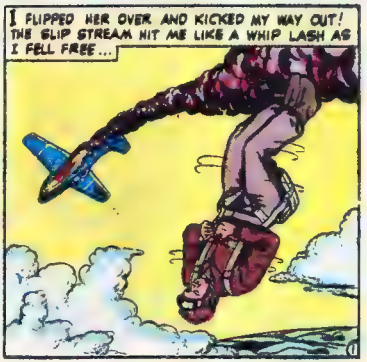

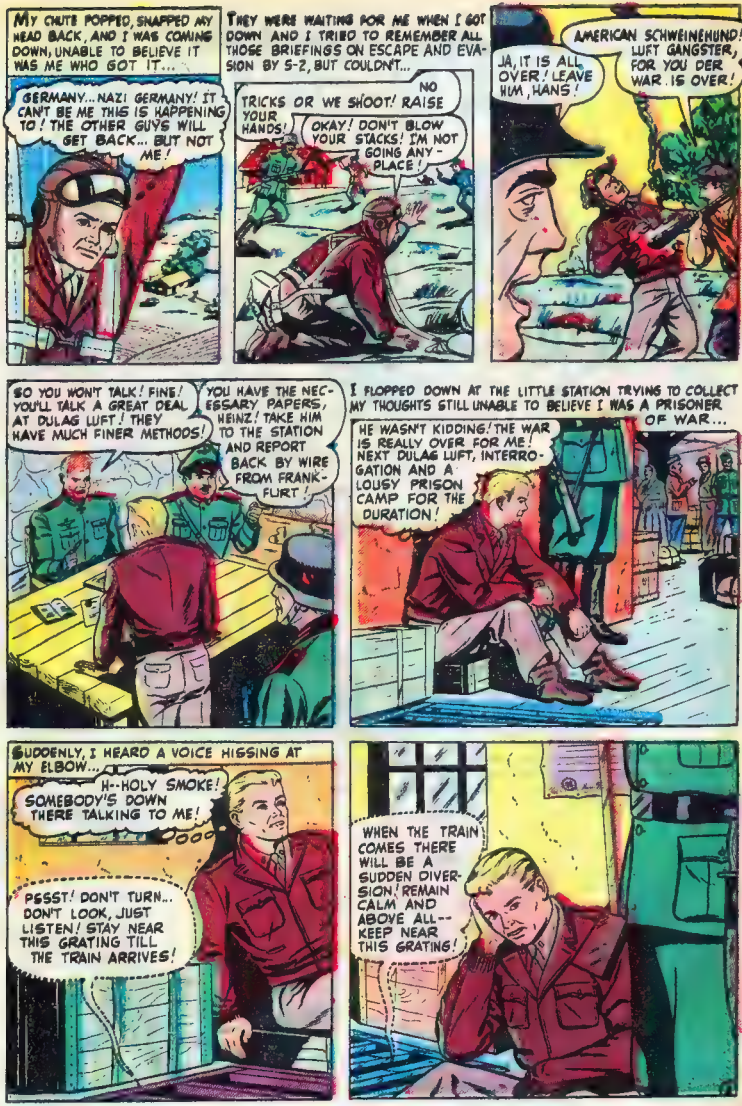
MY CHUTE POPPED, SNAPPED MY HEAD BACK, AND I WAS COMING DOWN, UNABLE TO BELIEVE IT WAS ME WHO GOT IT...
GERMANY... NAZI GERMANY! IT CAN'T BE ME THIS IS HAPPENING TO! THE OTHER GUYS WILL GET BACK... BUT NOT ME!
THEY WERE WAITING FOR ME WHEN I GOT DOWN AND I TRIED TO REMEMBER ALL THOSE BRIEFINGS ON ESCAPE AND EVASION BY S-2, BUT COULDN'T...
NO TRICKS OR WE SHOOT! RAISE YOUR HANDS!
OKAY! DON'T BLOW YOUR STACKS! I'M NOT GOING ANY-PLACE!
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JA, IT IS ALL OVER! LEAVE HIM, HANS!
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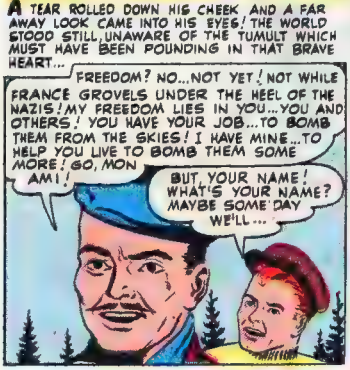
YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY PAPERS, HEINZ! TAKE HIM TO THE STATION AND REPORT BACK BY WIRE FROM FRANKFURT!
I FLOPPED DOWN AT THE LITTLE STATION TRYING TO COLLECT MY THOUGHTS STILL UNABLE TO BELIEVE I WAS A PRISONER OF WAR...
HE WASN'T KIDDING! THE WAR IS REALLY OVER FOR ME! NEXT DULAG LUFT, INTERROGATION AND A LOUSY PRISON CAMP FOR THE DURATION!
SUDDENLY, I HEARD A VOICE HISSING AT MY ELBOW...
H--HOLY SMOKE! SOMEBODY'S DOWN THERE TALKING TO ME!
PSSST! DON'T TURN.. DON'T LOOK, JUST LISTEN! STAY NEAR THIS GRATING TILL THE TRAIN ARRIVES!
WHEN THE TRAIN COMES THERE WILL BE A SUDDEN DIVERSION! REMAIN CALM AND ABOVE ALL-- KEEP NEAR THIS GRATING!

THE TRAIN PULLED IN AND I WAITED FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN--STALLING FOR TIME DESPERATELY...
SCHWEINEHUND! ON YOUR FEET!
I GOTTA STALL! THAT VOICE WASN'T KIDDING!
I CAN'T GET UP! I MUST HAVE A WOUND!
SUDDENLY...
BACK, EVERYBODY! TO THE CELLARS AT ONCE! AN AIR RAID! BACK!
WHAT A LOUSY BREAK! THIS'LL QUEER EVERYTHING!
QUICKLY--RAISE THE GATE AND DROP DOWN! THIS IS IT!
GET DOWN! MON AMI! EVERYTHING IS WORKING FINE! BON VOYAGE!
THINGS WERE HAPPENING LIKE LIGHTNING IN THAT BLACK DUNGEON... THINGS THAT WEREN'T POSSIBLE OR REAL...
WORK FAST, MON AMI! GET INTO THESE CLOTHES, AND DO AS YOU'RE TOLD!
ALL I CAN SAY IS THANKS, MISTER!
THE MINUTES FLEW BY, AND PRETTY SOON...
THIS CRATE IS BEING SHIPPED TO FREIBURG VIA FREIGHT! WHEN IT GETS THERE WE'LL MEET AGAIN! AU REVOIR!
I LOST TRACK OF TIME! MY WORLD WAS BLACKNESS AND AN ENDLESS RUMBLE OF THE MOVING TRAINS UNTIL AT LAST I FELT MYSELF AND THE CRATE BEING SHOVED ABOUT ROUGHLY!
WHERE'S THE BIG ONE BOUND FOR?
THIS ONE? A MISTAKE, HERR SCHEFFLER! IT WILL HAVE TO STAY TILL WE CAN SHIP IT BACK!



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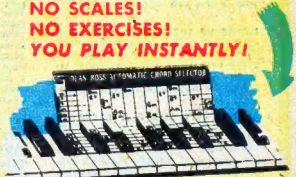

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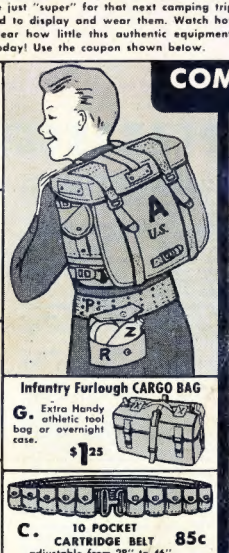

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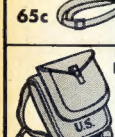

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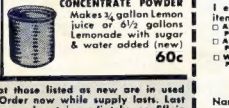

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